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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



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Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 are presented for the examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-5, 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman (Method of Dynamically Appending A Library to an Active Running Program) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA).

5. As to claim 1, Zimmerman teaches the invention substantially as claimed including: a first data handling application (the application program, para [0005], ln 3-7 to para [0005], ln 7-10), a second data handling application (the dynamic library, para [0005], ln 3-7 to para [0005], ln 7-10), call routine (a function call, para [0005], ln 7-10), at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated (para [0001], ln 8-12), a software routine (call library routine to perform functions, para[0001], ln 1-8), determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present generating a link to a software routine(para[0045], ln 40-48), which will be executed by the call routine in the second data handling application(para[0001], ln 1-12).

6. Zimmerman do not explicitly teach installed the first and second data handling application as self-contained. However, APA teaches installed the first and second data handling application as self-contained (soft-contained applications, page 1, ln 7/ a Human resource (HR) application has been installed, page 1, ln 22-23/ the HR team responsible for the employee data application, page 1, ln 35-37/ page 2, ln 25-30).

7. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Zimmerman and APA because APA's installed the first and second data handling application as self-contained would improve the flexibility of Zimmerman's system by allowing the database system associated with APIs to maintain employee data in the application.

8. **As to claim 2**, Zimmerman teaches source code defining the software routine for automatic implementation by the second data handling application (para [0001], ln 8-12).

9. **As to claim 4**, Zimmerman teaches the call routine is only implemented by the second data handling application under certain predetermined conditions (para [0045], ln 40-50, if the library is present, passing the function call to the library for execution).

10. **As to claims 5, 7- 9**, they are apparatus claims of claims 1, 2, 4; therefore, they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1, 2, 4 above.

11. Claims 3, 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman (Method of Dynamically Appending A Library to an Active Running Program) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Burns et al (US. Patent 6,088,694).

12. As to claim 3, Zimmerman and APA do not explicit teach the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application. However, Burns teaches the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application (an application user of the computing system 10 issues an SQL Insert, SQL delete, or SQL update call in the database, the DBMS detects that this operation occur on a column of type datalink, col 9, ln 1-5).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Zimmerman, APA and Burns because Burns's the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application would improve the flexibility of Zimmerman and APA's systems by allowing efficiency managing access and control over data that is linked to a database system.

13. As to claim 6, it is an apparatus claim of claim 3; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 6 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272 3767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomson, William can be reached on (571) 272 3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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